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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the August 30, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application, applicants hereby elect Species II (Fig. 5) for further examination in this application. Applicants contend that claims 1-7, 11-24, 25-31, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 43-49, 54-67, and 70-141 read on the elected species. Applicants also contend

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that claims 1-7, 16-24, 25-31, 34, 37, 38, 41, 49, 54-67, and 70-141 are believed to be generic.

Respectfully submitted,

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